

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: Fol 3065 / IR 349

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Dear Mr Harris,

Thank you for your email of 12 August 2016. You said:

I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Work and Pensions's handling of my FOI request 'Community Centre where 95% of the MWA participants wanted to continue'.

As I didn't receive the usual acknowledgement of my recent email referring to the recent Court of Appeal judgement and requesting the information originally requested, this is just a quick follow up in case there has been a technical error"

As you know, your initial request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 was the subject of a decision by the Information Commissioner which the Department subsequently appealed to the First-tier Tribunal ('the Tribunal').

The Tribunal stayed this appeal pending the outcome of a Court of Appeal case, *DWP v IC and Zola [2016] EWCA Civ 758* ('Zola'). Zola has now been resolved.

The DWP will be communicating its position to the Tribunal, given the Court of Appeal's judgment in Zola. In this circumstance, a further internal review at this stage is not appropriate.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

DWP Strategy Fol Team

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF www.ico.gov.uk